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PLATE, A BUILDING USING THE JOINT STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF ASSEMBLING OR REINFORCING A

BUILDING

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## **REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 10, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the claims; and

Remarks.